



DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

State of North Carolina

Utilities Commission

4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4325

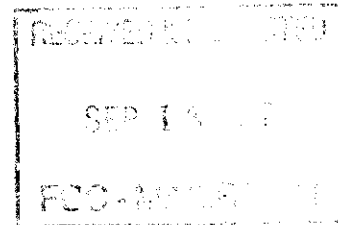
September 13, 2007

COMMISSIONERS
EDWARD S. FINLEY, Jr., Chairman
ROBERT V. OWENS, JR.
SAM J. ERVIN, IV

COMMISSIONERS
LORINZO L. JOYNER
JAMES Y. KERR, II
HOWARD N. LEE
WILLIAM T. CULPEPPER, III

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Karen Majcher
Vice President, High Cost and Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036



Re: Certification of the Comparability of Residential Rates in Rural Areas of North Carolina Served by Non-Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers to Urban Rates Nationwide Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.316, CC Docket No. 96-45 Released October 27, 2003
NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133L

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.316, hereby certifies that residential rates in rural areas of North Carolina served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers are comparable to urban rates nationwide. This certification is based on the fact that all rural residential rates in North Carolina are below the nationwide urban benchmark of \$34.58 and therefore comply with the "safe harbor" provision.

Please note that the only non-rural carrier receiving high cost support in North Carolina is North State Telephone Company, d/b/a North State Communications (SAC 230491).

Sincerely,

Edward S. Finley, Jr.
Edward S. Finley, Jr.
Chairman

DL/pb

No. of Copies rec'd 0
List ABCDE

430 North Salisbury Street • Raleigh, North Carolina 27603
Telephone No: (919) 733-4249
Facsimile No: (919) 733-7300
www.ncuc.net